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Jocelyn Boyd
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
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**Re: Response to Petition for Waiver of Commission Regulations
and Amendment of Order
In re: Actions in Response to COVID-19
Docket No. 2020-106-A**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition member companies ("SCTC") to support the petition filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff in the above-referenced docket seeking a temporary waiver of the Commission regulations that limit deferred payment plans to six months in duration. The regulation applicable to telephone utilities is S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-622.5.

As the Commission is aware, the SCTC member companies already have undertaken a number of measures to assist their customers during this trying time. The SCTC believes that a temporary waiver of this regulation is in the public interest, because it will allow SCTC member companies the additional flexibility they need in order to work with customers who are experiencing unusual hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Very truly yours,

Burr & Forman LLP



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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2020-106-A

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Actions in Response to COVID-19)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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This is to certify that I, Kathy H. Handrock, an employee of Burr & Forman LLP have this date served one (1) copy of the Comments of South Carolina Telephone Coalition (“SCTC”) in response to the Petition for Waiver of Commission Regulations and Amendment of Order filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff on April 30, 2020 to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be electronically mailed to the e-mail address on file with the Public Service Commission:

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